

The Committee has decided to hold a meeting of the members of the Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club at the Hobart Town Hall on Saturday, March 10th, 1951, at 8 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the work of the Club during the past year, the affairs of Tasmania and the State, and to consider the future work of the Club. The meeting will be open to all members of the Club, and to the public. The meeting will be held in the hall of the Hobart Town Hall, and will be presided over by the President. The meeting will be opened with a short address by the President, followed by a discussion on the work of the Club during the past year. The members will be invited to speak on any subject they desire, and the President will preside over the discussion. The meeting will be closed with a short address by the President, followed by a vote of thanks. The members will be urged to make use of this forum, and further copies may be obtained from the Secretary.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 6 Committee meetings were held throughout the year, with attendance as follows:- Mrs. Boden 5, Messrs. F. Swann 5, Mr. Sharland 0 (absent from State), L. Wall 4, K. Aves 6, J. Lewis 6, A. Brownell 5, D. Wilson 3, A. Yeoland 4, J. Lucas 3, F. Angel 3, Mr. Rutherford 4.

FIELD CUTINGS On Saturday, Feb. 20th there will be a trip by River steamer to New Norfolk, Tasmania, from the Ferry wharf, home about 6. Fare 10/- An easy day. On Saturday, March 10th, the 'Lost World' on Mr. Arthur. A fairly hard day's scramble. Private transport; meet at the Prince Theatre 9.30a.m.

EASTER CAMP The Committee has decided to hold the Easter Camp at Saltwater River this year. This site has many advantages of climate, varied habitat, scenic beauty and historical interest. More detailed information will be given shortly.

A TRIP TO RECHERCHE BAY has been organized by the Hobart Walking Club for the March Long Weekend, March 3-5th on the 'Cartela'. Fare will be approximately £3 depending on the number going. Members of the Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club are invited to join the trip and those interested should get in touch with the Walks Secretary, Don Field, Phone 27911 (business hours) or the leader, Mark Creese, Phone 51235 (home number).

'NESTING MATERIALS LTD.' Mr. & Mrs. Boss-Walker were 'at home' to the strong-billed honeyeaters and to us just after Christmas. We wondered what the purpose was of a rabbit skin hung near the bird table. We found that it was being well patronised by the birds for nesting materials, even at this season, and that a fur coat hung near by was already stripped of half of its fur. Mr. Boss-Walker says that he prefers to provide this sort of material rather than risk losing any more of his own hair. There must be no half measures if you're a bird lover.

Kelsey Aves Hon. Sec
15, Elizabeth St., Hobart

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COST OF TRAVELING: \$100.00 PER PERSON. (TICKET, HOTELS, MEALS, ETC.)

ALL EXPENSES ARE TO BE PAID BY THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP. NO MONEY IS TO BE SPENT ON DRINKS OR SIGHTSEEING.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE SECRETARY.

MEMBERSHIP IS TO PAY FOR OWN TRANSPORTATION.

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TRAVEL DATES

Saturday, April 21, 1962 (Arrive at 10:00 a.m. - Depart at 12:00 p.m.)

Saturday, April 28, 1962 (Arrive at 10:00 a.m. - Depart at 12:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 3, 1962 (Arrive at 10:00 a.m. - Depart at 12:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 9, 1962 (Arrive at 10:00 a.m. - Depart at 12:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 16, 1962 (Arrive at 10:00 a.m. - Depart at 12:00 p.m.)

HOTEL RESERVATIONS (UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ONE BED) WILL BE DELIVERED TO 3RD FLOOR, HOTEL, 1000 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY. THIS MUST BE TELLED WITH MEMBER'S NAME AND ALSO TELLED "ADVANCE PAY". THE LABELS ON CLOTHING, LUGGAGE, (TOILET BAG, ETC.) MAY BE BROUGHT BY BUS ON THE THURSDAY NIGHT.

DON'T FORGET THE DATES! THE MEMBERSHIP WILL MEET AT MR. ARGUSON'S SHOP.

H. J. WOOD,
HOB. SECRETARY

14th February 1962.

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any bird or animal in my boyhood

"It is a great joy to me to know that nature-care and study now figure so much in modern education, and to realize my early hopes are fulfilled."

Dr. E.A. ELLIOTT is an Honorary Life Member of the Club. He is also the only remaining foundation member, being the Honorary Secretary at its inception, and for many years afterwards.

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Circular No. 65

May, 1962.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held on Thursday, 21st, June 21st at 3p.m. in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street. Mr. John Chick will show the coloured slides and speak on the Caverneering Club's outings.

FIELD OUTINGS: On Saturday, 26th May, the excursion will be to National Park. Prince of Wales Theatre at 9 a.m. Members please make your car available, as the success of the trip will depend on the transport.

On Saturday, 16th June, Mr Hewer will lead a walk to Rocky Whelan's Cave. Catch 10.02 a.m. bus to Dynnyrne from Franklin Square. Bring a torch.

NATIVE PLANTS: Mr R.M. Smith has again invited Club members to take up to 40 of his young native plants which he propagates for his own pleasure. He makes no charge for these but he likes to hear occasionally of their progress. If you are interested, please phone Mr Smith at 128 Mt Nelson Road where he is usually at home at the weekend. It would help if you could supply him with used cans in which he can propagate the plants. Phone 52168.

OBSERVATIONS FROM S.S. PATRIS: In a letter to Mrs Elliott, Miss Della Mosey writes: Not far from Suez as we went through the Canal, I saw egrets in two irrigated gardens on the Nile side.. and amongst the sand dunes there were curlew and many waders, great flocks of them; and as we disturbed them, they flew in great flocks, weaving to and fro, disappearing against the background in one moment, then as they turned, the dark backs brought them clearly into view again. A thrilling sight. Gulls, terns, fork-tailed kites.

The first tremendous thrill was the sight of the 3000ft, snow-covered mountains of Crete...they seemed to hang above the sea and above some near headlands, the distant shore being lost beneath the horizon; then the other lovely islands in the Aegean Sea, then Piraeus and Athens...Oh, the glories of Athens!

BIRD NOTES FROM MR H. BOSS-WALKER: The usual bird visitors at St. Chad were alarmed in February by an unusual visitor to their garden. This was identified by its colour and actions – backed up by the reaction of the honeyeaters – as a White Goshawk. This is said to be a fixed albino form of the Grey Goshawk of the mainland states, and it was interesting to find one so near to Hobart.

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Editorial Note

May, 1962.

TAUNTON FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

GENERAL MEETING: A meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday, June 21st at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street. Mr. John Chick will show mounted skins and talk on the Governing Club's outings.

EXCURSIONS: On Saturday, 26th May, the excursion will be to National Park, Prince of Wales Theatre at 9 a.m. Members please make your cars available, as the success of the trip will depend on the transport.

On Saturday, 16th June, Mr. Hower will lead a walk to Rocky Whelan's Cave, about 10.30 a.m. en route to Lyndorm from Franklin Square. Bring a torch.

PLANT FAIR: Mr. R. F. Smith has again invited Club members to take up to 40 of his young native plants which he propagates for his own pleasure. He makes no charge for these but kindly to hear occasionally of their progress. If you are interested, telephone 21161, 21162 or 21163, 21164. It would help if you could supply him with used cans in which he can propagate new plants. Tel. 52163.

BIRDING IN CHINA: In a letter to Mrs. Elliott, Miss Della Nosey writes: ... Not far from Suez as we went through the Canal, I saw many birds, all unknown to me on the hills sides ... and amongst the sand summer flocks, and many others, great flocks of them; and as we disturbed them, they rose in great flocks, waving to and fro, disappearing against the background of the hills. As they turned, the dark backs brought them clearly into view ... like a dark cloud in the night. Gulls, terns, fork-tailed kites.

... The first grandious thrill was the sight of the 3000 ft. snow-capped mountains of China ... they seemed to hang above the sea and above some near islands, and just there being still lost beneath the horizon; then the other side of the hills were larger ones, then Miracus and Athens Oh, the glories of the world.

ALBINO GREY GOSHAWK: The usual bird visitors at St. Chads were joined by a very unusual visitor to their garden. This was identified as a Grey Goshawk - broken up by the reaction of the honeyeaters - as a pale bird. It was said to be a faded albino form of the Grey Goshawk of the Americas. It was interesting to find one so near to Hobart.

Editorial Note

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CIRCULAR NO. 66.

JUNE 1962.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALIST'S CLUB.

The next General Meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday, July 19th, 1962, at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street. A Film, lent by the German Embassy, will be shown by Mr. A. Hewer. This excellent production was filmed by Michael Czrinak and the title is "No Room For Wild Animals."

FIELD OUTINGS. On Saturday, 30th June, meet at Franklin Square at 10 a.m. A ramble on the lower slopes of Mt. Wellington. The route to be taken depending on the weather.

Mr. Hewer will lead an outing to Sphinx Rock, Taroona, on July 14th. Bus leaves Franklin Square at 9.30 a.m.

SUBSCRIPTIONS. There are still a few outstanding for this year. These can be paid to Mr. John Lewis, or at 21 Elizabeth Street.

MEMBERS VISITING other Tasmanian towns would be very welcome to attend the Launceston, Burnie, or Devonport Field Nat's Clubs. The names and addresses of Hon. Secretaries are listed below:

Launceston: Mr. N.R. Harvey,
22 Ryton Street,
Launceston. Phone 4 1287.

Devonport: Mrs. M.P. Webber,
94 Madden Street,
Devonport. Phone 2 3206.

Burnie: Mr. J. Robinson,
West Street,
Upper Burnie.

APRIL BIRD NOTES from Mrs. Kathleen Orme: "I am thrilled to have visits to my bird tables for the past four or five weeks (since my red gum blossomed) of a pair of Rainbow Lorikeets, and what I think is one of their young. It has not got the brilliant colour of the larger birds but appears to be getting bluer on its head, and the orange shoulder feathers are beginning to show. It is shyer than the adult birds, who are really cheeky, and look through the sun room window at me."

THE RAINBOW LORIKEET is a very uncommon visitor to Tasmania, and is one of the most handsome of the parrots. It travels in small flocks, wandering through the bush and occasionally coming into gardens in search of flowering trees, the nectar from which forms part of its diet. (Michael Sharland)

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JULY, 1962.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB.

The next General Meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, August 16th, 1962, at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle St., and will take the form of members night. This is your chance to give a short talk, so make the most of it. Any member who can give a brief talk of 10 to 15 minutes please let the assistant secretary know in plenty of time so that arrangements can be made.

FIELD OUTINGS:

Saturday, ~~28th July~~, Richmond; leader, David Milledge.
Private transport, meet outside Prince Theatre 10 a.m.

Saturday, ~~August 18th~~, Arve Valley; leader, Roderick Hewer. Private transport, meet outside Prince Theatre, 9.30 a.m.

Anyone having available transport at the time of either the above outings, please contact Roderick Hewer, assistant Secretary, by phone 4 1255, any evening.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

During the period from the 1st November, 1907, to March the 5th, 1908, an Englishman by the name of Geoffrey Smith was staying in Tasmania; his book "A Naturalist in Tasmania" is well known to many of our members. He was unfortunately killed in action on the 10th July, 1915. A memorial volume consisting of his letters to his home in England during his trip abroad, was published in 1917; an extract from one of these letters written at the Springs Hotel, Mt. Wellington, 20th November 1907, is given here:

"About a week ago I had a splendid three days' camping with the field Naturalists' Club of Hobart. A Mr. Rodway took me, who is a very good botanist, and knows the bush very well; he is going to come out with me again soon, but he cannot get away very easily as he is a dentist by profession. He taught me a lot of things; as how to pitch a tent, and cook a bush dinner, and even how to kill a snake, all of which are equally interesting and necessary accomplishments in this country. What I have seen of the Tasmanian bush has impressed me very much; of course it is just the right time of year, as the eucalyptus trees of all sorts which form the main part of the bush are throwing out their shoots, which are reddish brown, and all the flowering shrubs, of which there are such heaps here, are all in flower. This afternoon I got into a bit of dense bush on the side of the mountain, and I have never seen such a wild confusion of growth, enormous tree ferns growing out of masses of fallen and decayed timber, and one had to simply fight one's way through every yard. The birds here are very pretty, and some of them have very characteristic calls, but not much song. The parakeets and parrots are of course especially gay, but some of the smaller flycatchers and honeysuckers have lovely plumage, and they seem much tamer than birds in England, and quite glad to show themselves off."

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TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB.

The next general meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday, September 20th, 1962, at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street, and Mr. R. Mather will give a talk on Tasmanian Orchids.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: The Launceston Field Naturalists Club have advised that their address is now: N.

C/- Mrs. J. ~~Mc~~ Gee,
12 Osbourne St.,
Trevallyn, Launceston. Phone 24183.

FIELD OUTINGS: Saturday, August 25th, Rocky Tom; leader, J. Lewis. Meet outside Fitzgerald's to catch 10.15 a.m. bus to Geilston Bay,

Saturday, September 8th, Marion Bay; it is hoped to include a walk to Cape Bernier if weather is suitable. Leader, R. Hewer. Private transport. Meet outside Prince Theatre, 9.30 a.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

A letter written by G. Smith to his mother on December 3rd., 1907.

" Since writing last I have been several expeditions, first up into the Harz Mountains to take some tins with trout fry in them to put down in the small lakes on the top. We went by steamer to a place called Geeveston, where various families by the name of Gees carry on a timber trade. It is the great place to see huge eucalyptus trees. We started early in the morning from the village, and took a steam trolley used for carting timber about some way up the valley, and then struck on to a track that leads up to the mountains. We took about six men with us to carry the tins with the fish. It took us seven hours to reach the hut near the lakes where we intended spending the night, and as we were caught in a thunder storm we were pretty well drenched. We were rather staggered to find the hut completely filled with a party of people who had come up from the other side, a general stores keeper who was giving all his employees a holiday, including several girls. However, we managed to shake down somehow, about fifteen of us all sitting round a large log fire in a tiny room about six yards square, and cooking chops on the ends of sticks.

"After exploring the lakes, in which I did a little collecting, we came back to the hut for tea, another squash, and after tea we had a wonderful impromptu concert, singing chiefly hymns out of a Salvation Army hymn book, which one of the girls had. It was a remarkable experience, but after the fatigues of the day I slept like anything in my wet clothes on a straw bunk and took no harm at all.

"The next day was fairly fine, and we returned to Geeveston in the afternoon. The track through the forest was very beautiful, huge eucalyptus trees and the most lovely flowering shrubs and tree ferns growing in great luxuriance. Since returning I spent some days in Hobart, and gave a popular lecture on Natural History at the Masonic Hall, which went off rather successfully, and now I have come back on to the mountain here to go on with my work. Yesterday Mr. Rodway came up, and we went for a splendid walk over the top of the mountain to a river on the other side, which is quite full of my shrimp. It is a beautiful river, rather like one in the lakes at home, with large clear pools, in which one could bathe easily. I brought back a lot of shrimps, which I am trying to domesticate in a series of footbaths here."

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CIRCULAR No. 69.

SEPTEMBER, 1962.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

The next General Meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday, October 18th., at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle St.

FIELD OUTINGS : On September 29th., set outside the Prince of Wales Theatre at 9.30 a.m. Mr. Le Wal will lead a trip by private car, to Pittwater.

On October 13th., owing to Mortimer Bay. Meeting place - Prince of Wales Theatre at 9.30 a.m.; private transport. Leader - Mr. Hurdwicke.

CLUB BALANCES: can now be purchased from Mr. H.R. Sargison, 21 Elizabeth Street, Hobart.

STRING SONG: As I sit editing this news sheet I listen to the sweet music of the birds in the trees outside.

Isaac Walton wrote of them:

"Lord, what music hast Thou provided for the Saints in Heaven when Thou affordest bad men such music on earth."

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TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

CIRCULAR No. 70.

OCTOBER, 1962.

MEETING: The next meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on Thursday, 18th October, 1962, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Michael Sharland, whose subject will be "Birds of Northern Territory."

The November meeting of the Club will be held at the Tasmanian Museum on November 15th, at 8 p.m... Dr. E. Guiler, Chairman of the Animals and Birds Protection Society, will speak on the "Liberation of Pheasants on Bruny Island," and other subjects.

EXCURSIONS: On Saturday, 27th October, a ramble on the slopes of Mount Wellington. Franklin Square at 10 a.m.

Mr. L. Wall will lead an outing on November 10th.; meet the Ace Bus at the Town Hall at 10 a.m., alight at Claremont, and walk to Granton. The return trip will be by train.

DECEMBER OUTING: A special trip to the Hartz Mountains is being arranged for December 8th. This is a beautiful area for bush walking, and as the trip is likely to be well attended it is necessary to hire a bus. The cost will be £1 for adults, and 15/- for junior members under 16 years. Deposits of 10/- will be required before November 16th so that arrangements can be completed. These deposits can be paid at the November meeting, or at Sargisons, Jewellers, 21 Elizabeth St., Hobart.

JANUARY LONG WEEKEND: The Hon Treasurer, Mr. John Lewis, is arranging a weekend trip to Lake Dobson. Members wishing to attend should contact him as soon as possible, as huts have to be booked. He can be contacted at the address below, or at Woolworth's Store.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter has been received from a member of the West Australian Naturalists' Club asking for members of his own age to correspond. The following is a quote from his letter:

"The Wild Life of Tasmania has always interested me, and I was hoping that you would be so kind as to give my address to a few male members of your society (of my own age) so that I can correspond with each of them."

The address is:

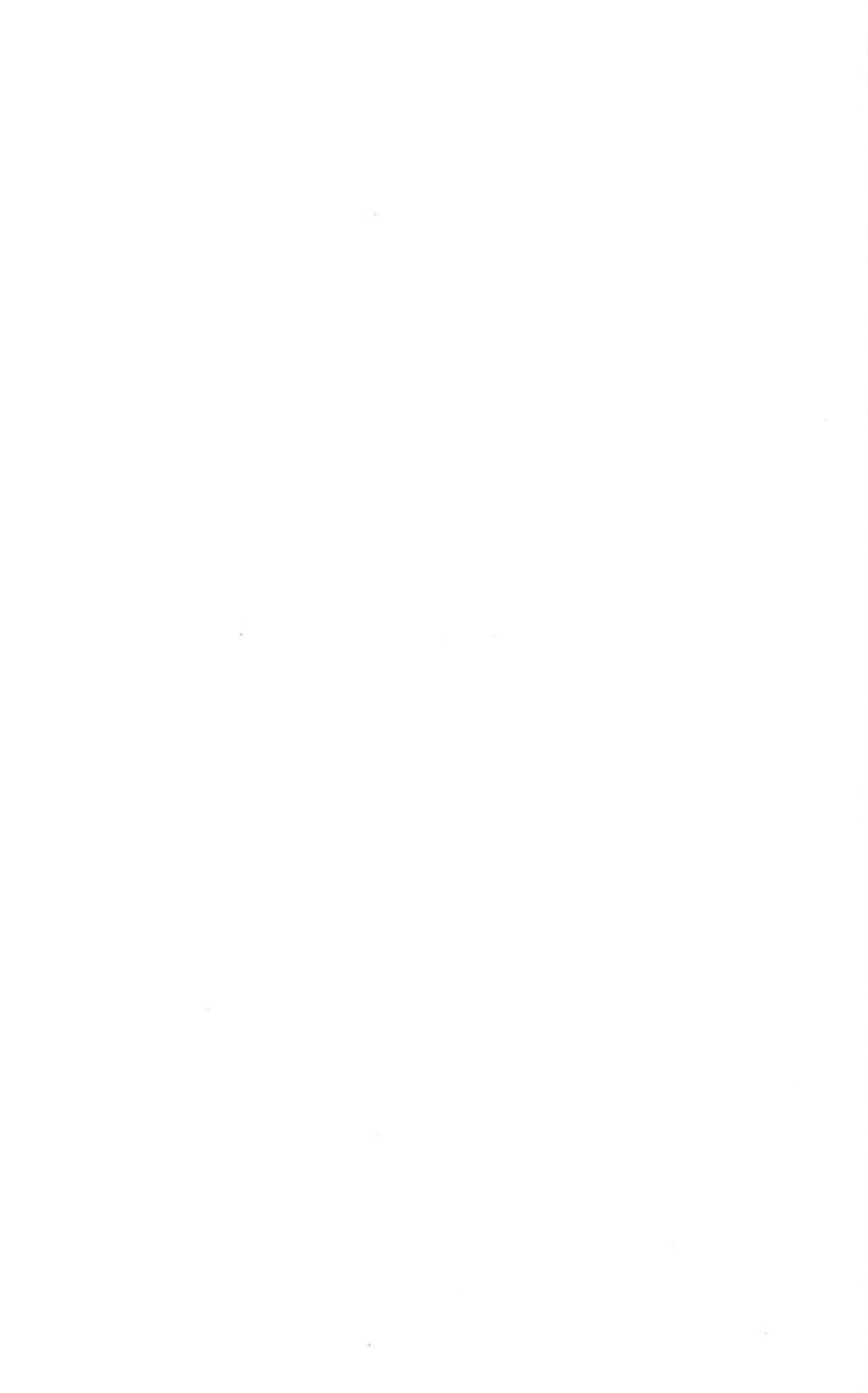
Mr. Arthur Mowle,
84 Whitfield Street,
Bassendean,
Perth, West Australia.
age 15 years.

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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held on Thursday, 21st. February, 1963, at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society's Rooms, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart. As there will be an election of officers please think about whom you would like in office for the coming twelve months.

FIELD OUTINGS: On Saturday, 24th November Mr. A. Hewer will lead an outing to Gunners Coin. Meet outside the Prince of Wales Theatre at 9.30 a.m.

The bus trip to the Arve Valley will be held on Saturday, 8th December; departing from Pioneer Bus Depot, Collins St., at 8 a.m.

FIELD NATURALISTS FEDERATION CAMP will be held at the Burnie Club's Shack at Rocky Cape, thirty miles west of Burnie from Boxing Day to the 2nd. January. There is plenty of room surrounding the shack for tents. Members please supply their own food, cutlery, cooking utensils and bedding. Members wishing to attend should contact the Club Secretary within the next two weeks. (Ph. 41877)

JANUARY LONG WEEKEND: Mr. John Lewis is trying to arrange for the long weekend a trip to Bruny Island. Please contact him at Woolworth's Store if you wish to attend.

WILDFLOWER PAINTING DISPLAY: Interested members have been invited to attend this display at Myers Auditorium, First Floor, Murray St. Entrance on Monday, 3rd. December for one week. Mrs. Lydia Furness has painted these groups of Tasmanian Wildflowers on silk.

They may be purchased if so desired.

APROPOS TO LADY SECRETARY: When the first two ladies were elected to the Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club in February, 1905, many people shuddered at this intrusion in a gentleman's domain. I wonder how many shuddered when the first lady secretary was elected in 1962.

I would like to pay a tribute to Mrs. F. Green who has been an active member since February, 1910. Also Mrs. P.H. Scott, who has been a member since 1913. Both these ladies attended the November meeting which was quite a memorable one as Dr. E.A. Elliott, the only surviving original member, gave a short talk on the preservation of sanctuaries in Tasmania.

Dr. Guiler gave a talk illustrated by slides on the work done by the Animal and Birds Protection Board in Tasmania.

I would like to extend a welcome to all new members over the past year, and wish them and all members a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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